**Guide for Annotating Your Notes**Mrs. Krouse, AP Biology

You will have an empty column on the left side of notes documents you receive in class. You should use this column to do the following things…

1. Summarize main ideas

*When you are summarizing a main idea, precede your statement with the word “Summary.”*

Example-

Summary: The top of an energy pyramid is smaller because energy is not transferred efficiently between trophic levels.

1. Identify connections between terms or ideas

*When you are identifying connections between terms or ideas, precede your statement with the word “Connection.”*

Example-

Connection: The realized niche of a population is smaller than the fundamental niche because populations do not typically have access to all the resources they could potentially use.

1. Breaking down terms into their component parts

*When you are identifying connections between terms or ideas, precede your statement with the phrase “Term Parts.”*

Example-

Term Parts: Autotroph… “auto” means “self” and “troph” means “feeder”… so together they mean “self feeder,” or in other words, an organism like a plant that can make its own food)

1. Define terms in your own words

*When you are defining terms in your own words, precede your statement with the phrase “My Definition.”*

Example-

My Definition: A trophic cascade occurs when a major change in the size of one trophic level greatly affects the size of all other trophic levels within the food chain/web.

1. Ask questions

*When you are asking a question to clarify or extend your understanding of a concept, precede your statement with the word “Question.”*

Example-

Question: Why is secondary productivity lower than net primary productivity?

\*\*\*Note: The empty column on all pages of your notes packet must be filled with reasonably-sized writing to receive a stamp. Remember, you must also complete all notes questions associated with the notes packet to receive this stamp.\*\*\*